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Response to Applicant's Amendment

The amendment received on April 28, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Applicant's reply does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (b) because it does not include arguments pointing out specific distinctions believed to render the new claim(s) 8-13, both dependent (the added dependent claims may subsequently be converted to independent claims) and independent, as being patentable over the applied reference. See 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

This action is **NON-FINAL**. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven R. Wasylchak whose telephone number is (703) 308-2848. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST.

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